

Through the efforts of dedicated representatives of the three jurisdictions, working over a five-year period, this new Commission, which is unique in many ways, will establish a common agency to replace the multiple and somewhat piecemeal regulation that has heretofore dealt with mass transportation in the metropolitan area of the Nation's Capitol. It will go even further. It will establish complete regulation, where none now exists, of operations that move from one jurisdiction to another within the Washington Commercial Zone.

I want to thank the representatives of Virginia, the representatives of the District of Columbia, and the three principal Maryland members who were most responsible for its creation. These Maryland representatives are Edward S. Northrop, State Senator from Montgomery County, Carlton R. Sickles, a member of the General Assembly from Prince George's County, and Albert L. Sklar, a member of the Public Service Commission whom I had the pleasure of appointing. The State of Maryland gratefully acknowledges the work of these gentlemen in the creation of this new Commission.

With the signing of this compact, the three jurisdictions are pioneering in a new field of cooperation between states and between states and the federal government.

While each of the jurisdictions has been doing its job, conscientiously, the duplication was, at best, awkward. For example, it has been necessary for the regulated companies to process fare applications in jurisdictions, which has resulted in higher expenses that must be passed on to the riding public. With overall regulation now possible, through one centralized group, a definite improvement in service should be realized at fares that are reasonable.

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I welcome this opportunity to meet and converse with the men and women who bear the heavy responsibility of directing the people's government at the local level.

I should like to address myself this evening to the subject of local and state government relationships and to offer you some of the